

Minnesota §1115 Demonstration

FACT SHEET

Name of Waiver Proposal:	Region 10 Quality Assurance Pilot Project
Date Proposal Submitted:	January 16, 2001
Date Proposal Approved:	Proposal pending
Scheduled Expiration Date:	N/A
Date Demonstration Implemented:	N/A

SUMMARY

The State of Minnesota submitted an 1115 demonstration proposal seeking to waive Medicaid provisions of ICFs/MR (Intermediate Care Facilities for persons with Mental Retardation) regulations to permit an alternative quality assurance system to be tested on a demonstration basis.

The Region 10 Quality Assurance Project is intended to provide alternative licensing and certification standards and methodologies designed to monitor and continually improve the quality of services and supports for people with developmental disabilities. Under the project, a county within the designated region may choose to have all licensed services and programs serving people with developmental disabilities within their county licensed and certified using standards determined under an alternative quality assurance licensing system. Each of the participating counties will evaluate the services and supports received by people with developmental disabilities using the alternative quality assurance review process and make recommendations regarding the continued licensure and certification of service providers to the State commissioners of human services and health on that basis.

This project seeks to use stakeholder volunteers to meet with individuals to assess beneficiary experience and provider compliance with quality assurance standards. It is expected the demonstration will show that an individualized, outcome-based approach to defining and evaluating service quality is more effective than the standardized, process-oriented approach dictated by the traditional quality assurance system.

TARGET POPULATION/ELIGIBILITY

Medicaid recipients who currently reside in intermediate care facilities, in the State's Region 10 counties, will be served in this demonstration.

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SERVED

The proposal is pending.

BENEFIT PACKAGE

Individuals enrolled in the program will participate in an individualized, outcome-based alternative quality assurance approach to define and evaluate service and provider quality.

COST SHARING

Individuals participating in this demonstration will not be responsible for any cost sharing.

ENROLLMENT LIMIT/CAP

Minnesota has not specified an enrollment limit for this program.

DELIVERY SYSTEM

Services within the demonstration would not be altered.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Minnesota will contract with an independent third party to conduct a quality assessment of the project to evaluate the merits of the alternative system as an efficient and effective approach to assuring the quality of services for persons with developmental disabilities. The evaluation will consider the comprehensive nature of the alternative system as compared to the current licensing system.

MODIFICATIONS/AMENDMENTS

None requested at this time.

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